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Dear Dr. Gibbs:

## CONTRACT NO. DE-AC27-96RL13308 – W375 – SECOND RESPONSE TO PERSONNEL TRAINING AND QUALIFICATION INSPECTION REPORT, IR-00-003

References:

- 1) CCN 013983, Letter, D. C. Gibbs, DOE/RL, to P. O. Strawbridge, BNFL Inc., "Regulatory Unit (RU) Comments on BNFL Response to Personnel Training and Qualification Inspection Report," 00-RU-0434, dated June 8, 2000.
- 2) CCN 013062, Letter, A. J. Dobson, BNFL Inc., to D. C. Gibbs, DOE/RL, "Response to Personnel Training and Qualification Inspection Report," dated May 31, 2000.
- 3) CCN 012750, Letter, D. C. Gibbs, DOE/RL, to M. J. Bullock, BNFL Inc., "Personnel Training and Qualification Inspection Report, IR-00-003," 00-RU-0310, dated April 5, 2000.

This letter provides the River Protection Project-Waste Treatment Plant's (RPP-WTP) second formal response to the subject inspection report and supersedes the first response dated May 31, 2000. It answers the Regulatory Unit's (RU) letter (Reference 1) that requested additional specific information addressing the causes and corrective actions related to the personnel training and qualification inspection finding.

During the period of March 6-10, 2000, the RU conducted an inspection of the RPP-WTP's personnel training and qualification programs. As a result of the inspection, the RU identified one finding (Reference 3) associated with the lack of timeliness for issuance and closure of formal documentation of a potential problem developed out of surveillance and audit activities.

The Project prepared and transmitted a response (Reference 2) to the inspection report that was determined by the RU to lack sufficient detail. In its June 8, 2000 letter, the RU requested that the Project provide a supplemental response to the subject inspection that addresses deficiencies cited in the enclosure to that letter.

Attachment 1 is an updated response to the RU inspection that provides information on Project activities to date associated with the finding and the additional detail requested by your June 8, 2000 letter.

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Further, to ensure that future responses to RU inspection concerns provide suitable detail, the several inspections cited in Reference 1 are being reviewed by Project personnel most directly involved with RU inspection activity. It is our intent that conducting this review will result in future responses to RU inspections that clearly describe specific completed or planned actions that directly relate to the inspection findings and concerns. Planned activities will include specific tasks as they relate to the inspection concern as well as expected task completion dates.

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A disc in Microsoft Word format containing this letter and the response to the inspection report is also attached (Attachment 2). If you have any questions or if we can be of further assistance, please call Dennis Klein at (509) 371-4867 or Carole Younger at (509) 371-4857.

Yours sincerely,

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Attachments: 1. Response to Finding IR-00-003-01-FIN

2. Disk with Letter CCN 014201 and Attachment